President.—But at any time has it been brought to your notice that these lines are in a damaged condition? Have coolies come to you and represented any grievance?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—They are awfully afraid of the Conservator.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Unless there is a complaint—

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Complaints will never come to the Conservator.

President.—There are very many coolies working in the estates, and to enquire whether they are in a happy condition is a humanitarian task.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—They will never say that they are not happy.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—The only persons whom we can ask are the manager and the superintendent.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—They, of course, naturally say that they are in good condition. If only the Conservator by himself have asked the coolies separately, he might have heard a different story. If he asks them in the presence of the bigwigs, they will always answer supporting their masters.

The raising of the Jurisdiction of the Munsiffs' Courts.

14. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the papers connected with the proposals made by the Chief Court when the jurisdiction of the Munsiffs' Courts was raised (about 1079)?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The file of correspondence that took place in 1074 is placed on the Council Secretary's table.

The raising of the Chittur Girls School to a High School.

15. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state how many petitions they have received praying for the raising of the Chittur Girls' School to a high school, and what their replies were for them?

Mr. C. Matthai.—One petition was received and it was disposed of in D. P. Dis. 2375/D/1102, dated 6th May 1927. A copy of the order is appended. (*Vide Appendix VII.*)

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—May I know, Sir, with whom rests the decision of accommodation?

Mr. C. Matthai.—With the Government, of course.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—My question is based on the order to a petition. That petition was disposed of, saying, "without first deciding the question of accommodation, Government do not consider it advisable to sanction the starting of the high

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APPENDIX VI.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 13.)

No.	Name	No. of coolies					No. of deaths				
		1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1097	1098	1099	1100	1101
1	Shenally ...	100	114	106	120	101	1	1	15	3	4
2	Pothunda ...			70	110	120			2	6	2
3	Chandramalla ...			80	80	100			4	8	3
4	Cotengady ..			8	120	90			3	15	12
5	Wallia Varum ..			70	75	90			4	6	2
6	Thuthampara ..	Not available								3	1
7	Lily ...	70	70	70	70	70	2	1	4	5	6
8	Manalur ...	80	80	80	80	80		3	5	2	7
9	Karadimalai ...	90	90	90	90	90		1	6	2	4
10	Karapara ...	97	97	104	104	110		1	4		6
11	Victoria Group ..	130	111	118	75	109	3	4	2	1	1
		1097	1098	1099	1100	1101					
12	Vaniampara ...				219	239				5	4
13	Vellanikkara ...	380	400	375	372	380	2	4	3		2
14	Anappara Group ...	Daily average of local coolies 50					No deaths				
15	Rajakumar ..	Daily average of local coolies 13					No deaths				
16	Vellippara Estate				30	35	No deaths				
17	Vellarkad ..	400 coolies were working during the whole year from 1099					No deaths				
18	Pymkulam ...	On the average of 10 coolies per day from 1097					No deaths				

With regard to the rest of the estates no information is available.

APPENDIX VII.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 15.)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

LOCAL AND MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENT.

(Education).

READ correspondence ending with P. 873/1102, dated 30th March 1927 from the Director of Public Instruction.

Order dated 6th May 1927, Dis. No. 2375/D/1102.

Any extension of the Girls' School building on the present site is neither possible nor desirable. Without first deciding the question of accommodation Government do not consider it advisable to sanction the starting of the High School classes.

(True extract)
(Signed)
Secretary to the Diwan.

To
The Director of Public Instruction.

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